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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PINT, LE, SY, US

SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION

REF: STATE 084555 (RPTG BEIRUT 3109)

1. MET DAOUDI AT 1300L APRIL 10. FOUND HIM EUPHORIC
OVER RAPID ACTION OF LEBANESE PARLIAMENT IN AMENDING
CONSTITUTION.

2. I NOTED WE HAD HEARD THROUGH LUCIEN DAHDAAH THAT
"FRANGIE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SYRIANS" WHO HAD
BACKED BROWN'S PERSONAL IDEAS RE THE SECURITY PLAN
(BEIRUT 3109). COULD DAOUDI CONFIRM THIS AND GIVE
ME ANY FURTHER PRECISION? HE REGRETTED HE COULD DO
NEITHER. I RE-EMPHASIZED SECRETARY'S DESIRE STAY
IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH DAMASCUS AND USE OUR DIPLOMATIC
RESOURCES IN WAY SUPPORTIVE OF SYRIAN POLITICAL SOLUTION.
DAOUDI AGREED THAT WE COULD NOT RPT NOT DEVELOP
OFFICIAL USG PROPOSALS OR LINES OF ACTION ON BASIS SECOND-
HAND INFORMATION, SAID HE ASSUMED FRANJIEH HAD
DISCUSSED QUESTION DIRECTLY WITH ASAD BUT
WOULD SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM PRESIDENT AND
TRY TO GET ME AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT.

3. SUGGEST PASS BEIRUT.

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